# The Evening Standard

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# HEAR ALL SIDES

While This Paper Has Strong Republican Predilections It Is Not a Party Organ, and Its News Columns are Fair and Just to All Parties and Creeds.

### DOWN WITH COAL TRUST.

The people of Utah must resist the increased, and increasing, price of coal. The Standard calls upon the attorney general and secretary of state of Utah to take such action as may promise relief from the coal monopoly in this state.

With coal selling at \$6.50 a ton, there are hundreds of families that cannot buy fuel enough to keep warm.

It is only a few years since coal was selling at \$4.50 a ton. Gradually the price has been advanced until this winter it is at almost prohibitive figures.

Furthermore, the coal supplied the people is often an inferior fuel, containing slate and non-combustible material, and, now and then, short weight is given.

These injustices call for a public protest from every part of this

Our public officials should take the lead in protecting the public from such an injustice.

### GIVE US BETTER PRIMARIES.

The Standard urges upon the newly-elected legislators of this state the importance of removing from Utah the stain of being one of the most unprogressive commonwealths in the nation in primary legislation. Wherever there are wideawake, intelligent, thinking citizens, the movement for better primary laws is well under way, but here in Utah there is an apathy and the indifference is so pronounced as seemingly to come from a central source.

Let us wake up and take a position with those most advanced states of the union where men and women are earnestly laboring to better their political conditions.

Here we are, dragging along like Weary Willies, content with anything presented as a medium for public expression in politics, and willing to allow machine politics to supplant popular government. Will we never shake off this lethargy and assert ourselves?

San Francisco, afflicted as that city is with bosses, when called on to vote for charter amendments broadening the scope of the primaries, proved equal to the occasion and on yesterday declared for a long step forward.

All over the country this progress is in evidence.

What have we of Utah to say for ourselves? Shall we go forward, or shall we slip just a little farther backward by failing at this session of the legislature to do anything for primaries more responsive to the will of the people?

## CHARGE CHURCH INFLUENCE

Now comes the information that the Democrats of Cache county will not put up a ticket in the future. The chairman, Henry G. Hayball, says he will call the Democrats of Cache county together in a short time for the purpose of taking action to abandon the party or to discontinue any further action as Democrats in the county, and this irrespective of what the Democrats do in other parts of the State of Utah.

The Democrats of Cache county allege that they have sufficient proof to show that the leaders of the Mormon church have taken such a decided stand against the Democratic party as to insure the election of the Republican ticket. If this be true, the Democrats have good cause against the church leaders, but the leaders of the Democratic party of Cache county make a mistake if they disfranchise themselves by taking no action as citizens of the nation. Education is what Cache county needs, and we would advise the Cache county Democrats to call a Democratic convention and outline a plan of education, as a result of which the people will be taught that, no matter how high an ecclesiastical position a man may hold, when he dabbles in politics his influence should not be greater than that of any other politician. If any of the Democrats in Cache county have voted the Republican ticket through solicitation of church leaders, then the Democrats of Cache county have only themselves to blame. They must educate themselves on the rights of citizenship. So long as a Democrat is willing to allow a Republican church official to coax him into voting the Republican ticket, those Democrats who would not be coaxed cannot find sufficient cause in such action to disfranchise the citizenship of a whole party in a county.

If the great Democratic party of the state is opposed to church interference in politics, it should immediately take steps to teach such principles of the party to the rank and file.

The idea, however, is good in calling the Democrats of Cache county in convention to learn if the Democratic party of Cache county really opposes church influence in politics. Perhaps it would develop that a majority of the party really favor receiving advice from the leaders of the Mormon church. At any rate, the political situation in Cache county is interesting.

This paper took no part in politics this fall. This paper has pronounced progressive views and when the Republican state convention brushed aside all progressive measures and took a most pronounced "stand-pat" position, there was no party for this paper to support. Neither the Democratic nor the Republican party represented the ideas and policies advocated by this paper for a year past, and there being no party in the field with the principles advocated by us, we adopted the old Kentucky policy and "sawed wood." In that position we were able to watch the political contest from an impartial and non-partisan standpoint and our position this fall has caused us to materially change our ideas on Utah politics. In the past, as a partisan Republican, we rather delighted in any support the Mormon leaders might give the Republican party and we made fun of the Democratic charge that the Republican party was being benefited by high church officials. But this year we have viewed the situation from a non-partisan and dispassionate viewpoint and we have about concluded that in Utah, as elsewhere in the nation, high church officials should be excluded from the political field. It appears that, whether intentionally or not, the influence of the high church officials in politics carries more weight than if such parties did not hold ecclesiastical positions.

Now, some will cry, the Standard is ready to join the American party. Let such undeceive themselves immediately. The American party will have to make some material changes, in both its platform and its conduct, before the Standard, or even the people of Utah, will take kindly to it. We believe, however, there is room for a party in the State of this that will have for its great issue the elimination of church influence in politics. "We believe such a party would absorb a majority of both the Republican party and the Democratic read it on a card?"-Boston Trans party in the state. But in order for such a party to be successful, it must adopt principles policies and action just the REVERSE to that of the so-called American party in Salt Lake City. We believe a party that would kindly, yet emphatically, retire the church officials from politics would be received by a majority of the church leaders and the lay members of the dominant church of Utah with satisfaction, and, as a result, bring permanent peace to Utah.

The question is, can such a controversy be engendered without accusations being made of crime, prostitution and all the evils the human mind can conjure? We believe it can. We also believe that instead of the Cache county Democrats disfranchising themselves. they should drop party prejudices, adopt a new platform and become the progressive party in Utah, and not only make a name and be successful, but have the glory of granting to Utah real liberty of conscience and freedom of action.

## THE PARCELS POST SYSTEM.

The benefits to local merchants of a parcels post system in the United States, quite contrary to arguments advanced by promoters of organizations of retail merchants, now are urged by the Farmers' National congress as one of the reasons for action by congress. The new turn to the argument was given by John M. Stahl of Chicago, a representative of the Farmers' congress, who declared: "The parcels' post privilege certainly would benefit local merchants everywhere in the country, for it will make trading with them by the rural people so convenient. Merchants are really injuring themselves by opposing the limited, rural route, parcels post, for as the farmer is now compelled to go to the village to deliver or to receive packages he very frequently takes the train to go to the larger town or city to buy goods he needs. Any close observer in the western states, where mail order trading is perhaps the greatest, knows that what takes most from the trade of the local merchants is not the mail order houses, but the low railway fares to the larger cities. If the merchant could send by rural carrier goods ordered of him by mail or telephone, as a result of a parcels' post system, millions of dollars worth of merchandise now bought of the big mail order houses would be bought of or through the merchant. A complete modern parcels post would benefit town and city people even more than farmers, but it certainly will benefit millions of farmers, will increase trade of local merchants and soon wipe out the postal deficit."

Contrary to supposition, the big mail order houses in recent years have opposed rather than advocated the parcels post, for they are well satisfied with the present arrangements with the express companies, and long ago realized that a parcels post system would put local merchants on a parity with them in the delivery of goods

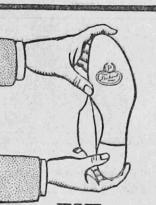
### TEACHERS ORGANIZE A UNION.

The 1,200 teachers of Luzerne county, Pa., at their recent institute, after warning teachers and friends of education "against subtle attempts to immerse the school system in the whirlpool of politics." decided to join the American Federation of Labor, so as to make use of the labor union influence to secure for themselves better salaries and conditions. Since the American Federation of Labor is already in politics, it looks as if these Pennsylvania teachers were themselves engaged in a "subtle attempt to immerse the school system in the whirlwind of politics." Pennsylvania teachers are as a rule very poorly paid. By a strange anomaly, the Keystone state, so far advanced in many ways, is one of the most hidebound states in the Union when it comes to matters educational. While there are many schools in the state headed by men and women of unusual intelligence and foresight, which, for instance, are giving national attention to the matter of current events' study, there are many more in which even the bare idea is hardly known. Surely the great state of Pennsylvania can afford to be liberal toward its teachers and its schools. Its citizens should see to it that it is liberal, for there is no investment that pays bigger dividends to a commonwealth or a community than good schools, administered on advanced lines, with carefully selected and well paid teachers.

## JUST FOR FUN

Language in Frightful State. A lecturer gave a very learned and interesting address before a woman's club on "The Decadence of Pure Eng-At the close of the talk a much-overdressed woman came up to him and said:

"I did enjoy your talk ever and ever so much, and I agree with you that the English language is decadng something awful. Hardly no one



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talks properly nowadays, and the Lord only knows what the next generation

## They Didn't.

A Denvor Woman, going from home for the day, locked everything up well, and for the grocer's benefit wrote on a card "All out. Don't leave anything." This she stuck on the front door. On her return home found the house ransacked and all her choicest possessions gone. To the card on the door was added: "Thanks, we haven't left much.-Kansas City Star.

## Couldn't Do It.

"I can't stay long," said the chairman of the committee from the colored church. "I just came to see if yo' wouldn't join the mission band." "Fo' de lan' sakes, honey," replied the old mammy, "doan come to me! I can't even play a mouf organ."

A Matter of Sentiment. "Were you annoyed by the way the customs inspectors handled your trunks?"

"No, indeed," replied the young woman from Kansas.
homesick that we really enjoyed seing everything that looked like a lone "—Washington Star.

#### A Hurry Call. The political boss of a small west-

ern city drove his buckboard at top speed down the main street on the morning of an election.

"Hey, Johnnie!" he yelled to his son, "git down to the Fourth ward quick, There's people down there your as they blame please."—Success Magazine. cess Magazine.

## Bright.

"Now Tommy," said the teacher, "you may give me an example of a coincidence." "Why-er," said Tommy, with some hesitation, "why-er-why-me fad-der and me mudder was both married on de same day."—Harper's Weekly.

In the Future. Passenger-Any danger on this

Captain-Well, there's a pirate balloon above us and a submarine unned us and we're carrying twenty tons of dynamite. Outside of that there's no cause for nervousness,-Baltimore

## Not Ripe.

The Fair Purchaser—Your eggs are all very small today, Mr. Jones.
Mr. Jones—Yes'm, they are But I'm sure I don't know the reason. The Fair Purchaser-Oh, I expect you took them out of the nests too oon.-Sketch.

Superfluous. Mother-Yes, Willie, that is your incle's card. Willie (reading)—"Professor Jog-gles, A. I.L. D." Say Ma, can't we

all see he's bald without havin'

It Had Been Pulled, Minnick-I see that they have found in Egypt the mummy of a man whose right leg is nearly a foot long-er than the left one. Sinnick — Important as evidence that they had the church fairs in ancient Egypt.-Browning's Magazine.

Official Encouragement. down I notice you examine your state "I do that for encouragement. The

license says I'm competent to operate the machine."—Houston Chron-Makes Perfect Nuisance.

Drowning men clutch at straws. quoted the Wise Guy.

"Yes, especially if they are drowning their sorrows," added the Simple Mug.—Philadelphia Record.

But there! I'm really grieved. There's no use finishing the pome, It will not be believed. -Harper's Bazaar.

His Impression. Mrs. Knicker-Now will you re-nember everything John? Knicker-Yep. I'm to turn the Knicker-Yep. I'm to turn the flowers out at night and sprinkle the cat.-Harper's Bazaar.

Suited. "George is a very grouchy sort of man, isn't he?" Yes; won't even ride in anything

but a sulky."-Baltimore American Don't use harsh physics. The reacion weakens the bowels, leads to chronic constipation. Get Doan's Regulets. They operate ensity, tone the stomach, cure constipation

The unfaithfulness of a wife whom he had never before so much as sus knowledge of Frank Calbreton, a Salt she left that city with a man of shady reputation whose name is said to be Roy Taylor, taking with her several hundred dollars with which Calbreton

had intended to buy a barber shop. Followed to this city by the husband, the capture of the couple seemed almost certain and would have been accomplished by the local de-tectives had it not been for a piece of bunglesome work on the part of Calbreton himself. It is believed that he couple are still in hiding in Ogden and the police have not lost hope of effecting their capture.

According to the husband's own

story he had no previous knowledge of his wife's duplicity. He had been considering the purchase of a barber shop in Salt Lake City for sometime past and on Monday afternoon it was mutually agreed that the wife should draw the savings from the bank in preparation to make the purchase. Calbreton claimed that the amount was \$1,600, but this is believed to include the wife's jewelry, sealskin

jacket and a Boston bull terrier which the busband valued at \$150. tally is was this dog which would have led to the apprehension of the pair had it not been for the husband's When the wife failed to keep an ippointment Monday afternoon the

husband went to his home and dis overed unmistakable evidence of a will talk if nothing ain't done about left for Ogden on a train which had departed a few minutes before his



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and was informed that he could not have the animal without a police order. This was a sure tip of their discovery and the man had disappeared when the detectives arrived a few moments later. Needless to say Taylor did not put in his appearance at the baggage room again that night,

A close watch was kept on all out-going trains Monday night but no trace of the runaway wife and her lover was discovered. The valuable dog is still at the Union depot but neither Mrs. Calbreton nor Taylor have called for the animal. The husband haunted the depot and streets throughout the night and up to noon yesterday, refusing to eat or sleep He did not return to Salt Lake until he had exacted from the local police a solemn promise that a determined effort would be made to discover the hiding place of his erring wife and her admirer

In view of the fact that Calbreton was armed with a revolver the local police feared that he might attempt violence in case the couple was ap-

# PERJURY CHARGES

and it was thought that this would end the case.

Wells was accused of murdering Ollie Shirley, a laborer, in a dispute over the construction of an apartment building. Eldridge was counsel for defense. J. W. Day, one of the witnesser for the defense the defense retified witnesses for the defense, testified that he was offered one thousand dollars for his testimony, to be paid by Wells, and that Wells and Eldridge engineered the deal. ROAD MAY EXTEND TO VERNAL COUNTRY

According to information received runs from Mack, Colo., to Dragon, Utah, is soon to be extended to Vernal, county seat of Uintah county. The Uintah railroad is owned by the Barber Asphalt company and was constructed to tap the immense beds of gilsonite in northwestern Colora- 1834. He embraced the Mormon faith with the Denver & Rio Grande this road hauls to market practically the

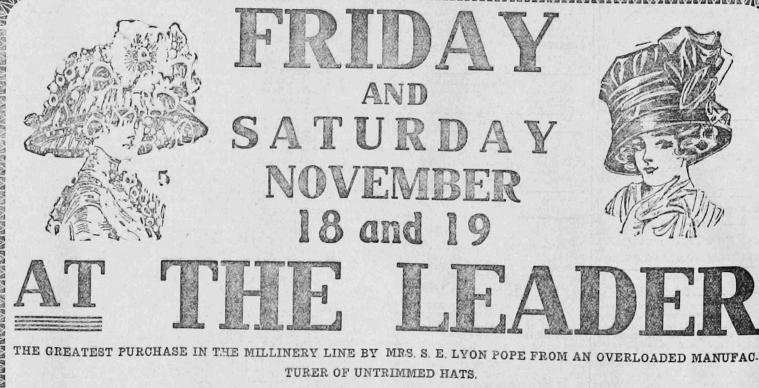
which Justice Pope submitted the about 9 o'clock, Mr. Billings also situation failed to return indictments, states that \$375 in gold and currency was lost in the fire, along with jewl-ery valued at \$150.

Thomas Reynolds, the young man who was confined to his bed with typhoid fever when the fire broke out, is not feeling well today, and it is feared that he will suffer a relapse.

THOMAS COOPER DEAD; PIONEER OF SEVIER

Monroe, Nov. 15 .- Thomas Cooper, one of the pioneers of this place, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure. He had been in poor health for a number of years past, and his death was not entirely unexpected. in this city the Uintah railroad, which | He died through the night some time; and, upon investigation, she found him dead.

Mr. Cooper was born in Higham, and eastern Utah. In connection when a young man and came to this h the Denver & Rio Grande this country immediately after. He was one of the early settlers in Monroe, and served as bishop in this ward entire supply of gilsonite used in the world. The road has been a moneymaker since it was opened a few years



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